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SUBJECT: CHIEF BUTHELEZI VISITS TANZANIA

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1. SUMMARY. CHIEF BUTHELEZI OF KWAZULU PAID SUCCESSFUL 2-DAY VISIT TO TANZANIA. HE HELD CORDIAL MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA AND RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE. HE WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED, HOWEVER, BY STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM. END SUMMARY.

2. CHIEF MINISTER OF KWAZULU, GATSHA BUTHELEZI, VISITED TANZANIA AS GUEST OF TANU DECEMBER 12-14. ACTING DIRECTOR FONMIN AFRICA DIVISION EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF VISIT BY
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BUTHELEZI DOES NOT SIGNIFY ANY CHANGE IN TANZANIA'S

POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA OR BANTUSANS. BUTHELEZI, OFFICIAL SAID, WAS INVITED AS AFRICAN BROTHER WHO IS DOING WHAT HE CAN TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE WAS NOT INVITED "AS CHIEF OF KWAZULU, BANTU HOMELAND IN SOUTH AFRICA."

3. UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT FROM LUSAKA, BUTHELEZI CONDEMNED APARTHEID ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF MIGRATORY LABOR SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA, OIL BOYCOTT IS CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR AFRICAN WORKERS FROM MAJOR CITIES SUCH AS JOHANNESBURG, PRETORIA AND EAST LONDON. CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION GROUPS, BUTHELEZI SAID THAT HE AND MANY OTHER AFRICANS RESPECT AND "WILL NOT FORGET GOOD AND FIRM LEADERSHIP OF LEADERS SUCH AS ROBERT SOBUKWE OF PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS (PAC)." INTERESTINGLY, PAC REPRESENTATIVE HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED THAT PAC WOULD NOT SEEK TALKS WITH BUTHELEZI "BUT WE WILL ACCEPT HIM IF HE WANTS TO TALK WITH US." OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS REPORTEDLY REFUSED DISCUSS BUTHELEZI VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF PRESS. BUTHELEZI TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE DID MEET INFORMALLY WITH "ONE OR TWO" REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL LIBERATION GROUPS, INCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, AT RECEPTION WHICH TANGOV HOSTED FOR HIM. BUTHELEZI DID NOT ENCOURAGE A FURTHER MEETING.

4. BUTHELEZI HELD CORDIAL TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, WHO PRESENTED BOOK TO VISITOR SIGNED "WITH DEEPEST ADMIRATION." THE KWAZULU CHIEF WAS, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ADMISSION, "QUITE SURPRISED" AT WARMTH OF RECEPTION HE RECEIVED FROM PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA, A HAWK ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES. BUTHELEZI SAID KAWAWA EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE CHIEF'S WELL-BEING BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSPOKENNESS IN "PUSHING" THE AFRIKANNERS. UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WHEN BUTHELEZI ADDRESSED STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, WHICH HAS REPUTATION AS MILITANT SETTING. BUTHELEZI TOLD STUDENTS VORSTER REGIME HAS TO PROVE TO WORLD THAT ITS POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT "IS NOT MERELY GLOSS ON RACISM OR MERE INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM." REFERRING TO RECENT HOMELAND FEDERATION

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MOVES, HE SAID PROBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS TRANSCENDS BOUNDARIES OF ETHNIC GROUPINGS. VORSTER HAD, HOWEVER, LREFECTED IDEA OF FEDERATION. ON REJECTING VIOLENCE AS MEANS OF ACHIEVING FREEDOM FOR SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS, BUTHELEZI COMMENTED: "WE REALIZE THAT NO PRICE IS TOO HIGH FOR ONE'S HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT AGONY OF MANY PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS WHETHER ONE HAS RIGHT TO PRECIPITATE

WHOLE PEOPLE'S SUICIDE." BUTHELEZI'S NON-VIOLENT APPROACH LED TO BITTER REACTION FROM MILITANT STUDENTS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL REPORTER PRESENT ON SCENE, BUTHELEZI WAS NERVOUS AND DID NOT HANDLE SITUATION WELL. AS BUTHELEZI DEPARTED, HIS CAR AND THAT OF HIS WIFE WERE SURROUNDED BY JEERING STUDENTS SHOUTING "GO HOME." BUTHELEZI LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR CARTER HE HAD WEATHERED MANY SUCH INCIDENTS IN PAST AND THIS ONE DID NOT PARTICULARLY BOTHER HIM. BUTHELEZI ALSO THOUGHT DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN ORGANIZED IN ADVANCE.

5. COMMENT: BUTHELEZI RECEIVED HEAVY, FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE IN BOTH GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS AND TANU-OWNED SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU. RADIO TANZANIA OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT WORD HAD COME DOWN TO TREAT VISIT IN "LOW PROFILE." UHURU RAN FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF BUTHELEZI AND NYERERE TOGETHER. EXCEPT FOR INCIDENT AT UNIVERSITY, VISIT WENT VERY WELL. CARTER

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